

[English]

Coal Washeries by Private Sector

4565. SHRI PIUS TIRKEY: will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) whether private sector has been invited to invest in and set up coal washeries;

(b) if so, the details and number of coal washeries proposed to be set-up by private sectors region-wise during 1992-93; and

(c) the details of the priorities, subsidies proposed to be provided by the Coal India Ltd. to set up the coal washeries?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COAL (SHRI P.A. SANGMA):

(a) to (c). At present, there are 15 washeries under operation of Coal India Limited and five more washeries including one sanctioned recently are under different stages of construction. The Ministry of Coal has not invited any private parties to invest in the washeries which may be set up in future by C.I.L. and Singareni Collieries Company Limited.

Filling up Post of Chairman Fertilizers and Chemicals Travancore

4566. SHRI P.C. THOMAS: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the time since when the post of he Chairman fertilizers and Chemicals, Travancore Ltd. Kerala is lying vacant, and

(b) the steps taken to fill up the post?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (DR. CHINTA MOHAN): (a) The post of Chairman and Managing Director Fertilisers and chemicals Travancore Limited

(FACT) is lying vacant since 24th March 1990.

(b) The Public Enterprises Selection Board (PESB) has submitted its recommendation for the post which is under consideration.

Growth centres in States

4567. SHRI P.C. THOMAS;
SHRI MUKUL BALKRISHAN
WASNIK:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the places selected by the Government to be developed as industrial growth centres, State-wise;

(b) the criteria followed by the Government in selecting these centres;

(c) the total amount released so far by the Government for the development of these growth centres centres; and

(d) the measures initiated by the Government to attract new industries towards these centres?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (PROP. J. KURIEN):

(a) to (d). The Government in June, 1988 announced a Scheme of growth centres to promote industrialisation of backward areas. Government would develop 70 growth centres under the scheme, out of which locations of 64 growth centres have been identified and announced. The names and location of the growth centres are given in the statement. The criteria followed for selection of growth centres under the new scheme are locations away from cities proximity to basic infrastructure facilities like